



DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE

Intelligence Memorandum

The Security Situation in Uruguay

Secret

21

6 April 1967 No. 0956/67

WARNING

This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, sections 793 and 794, of the US Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY Directorate of Intelligence 6 April 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Security Situation in Uruguay (Situation Report Number 29)

- 1. No new information has been received that would change the conclusions reached in Special National Intelligence Estimate 98-67, SECURITY CONDITIONS IN URUGUAY, 23 March 1967.
- 2. The Communist Party of Uruguay plans to intensify its propaganda campaign this week

For reasons of international prestige the party considers the impact abroad of its anti-summit activities almost as important as the domestic repercussions. Therefore, the Communists are hoping to be able to produce evidence of "police brutality" to add spice to their world-wide propaganda effort.

The Uruguayan Government, for its part, has issued a "Security and Protection" decree which provides for "any measures deemed necessary to maintain order and guarantee the safety of visiting presidents." Anti-summit demonstrations which do not create an "atmosphere of general disorder" will probably be permitted. For example, the Uruguayans may give permission for the Communist-inspired march from Montevideo to the Punta del Este area planned for 6 April in the belief that official authorization would give the Communists a less effective propaganda platform. Official permission to march into Punta del Este itself would almost certainly be denied, however, so the Communists may agree to stop outside the city. If they then were to attempt to enter Punta del Este the police would be legally empowered to stop them.

25X1

25X1

4. All electric power, water and telephone service to Punta del Este was cut off for a few hours on 2 April while work was done on the power lines. This is an example of the city's vulnerability to power failure.

Approved For Release 2006/02/07 : CIA-RDP79T00826A001800010029-5

Secret

Secret